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description of the habits of various fishes is minute and thorough. Its instructions to anglers, and its culinary directions for the benefit of epicures, seem to leave nothing unsaid. Literature, black-letter and modern, is ransacked for illustration, and the pages contain many rich and racy *morceaux* of prose and poetry from authors not easily accessible. The work, while a perfect *vade mecum* for the aquatic sportsman, is one of the most entertaining and suggestive of table-books, whether for the library or the drawing-room.

17.—1. *A Manual for the Use of Notaries Public and Bankers; comprising a Summary of the Law of Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, both in Europe and the United States, Checks on Bankers, and Sight Bills; with approved Forms of Protest, and Notice of Protest; and References to important Legal Decisions; especially adapted to the Use of Notaries Public and Bankers.* By BERNARD ROELKER, A.M., of the New York Bar. Third Edition. *With numerous Additions in reference to Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes; Protest; Transfer of Bills and Notes; Letters of Credit; Forged Bills; Fraudulent and Lost Bank Bills; Sight Bills, &c., and Reference to recent Decisions in the United States and English Courts; and a Synopsis of the Usury Laws of each State, and the Law of Damages on Protested Bills.* By J. SMITH HOMANS, Editor of the "Bankers' Magazine." New York. 1857. pp. 244.

2. *The Bankers' Commonplace Book; containing:—I. A Treatise on Banking.* By A. B. JOHNSON, Esq., of Utica, New York. II. *Ten Minutes' Advice on keeping a Banker.* By J. W. GILBART, Esq. III. *BYLES on the Foreign Law of Bills of Exchange.* IV. *Remarks on Bills of Exchange.* By JOHN RAMSAY M'CULLOCH, Esq. V. *Forms of Bills of Exchange, in Eight European Languages.* VI. *Forms of Notices of Protest, with Remarks.* VII. *Synopsis of the Bank Laws of Massachusetts.* VIII. *Decisions on Banking, by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.* IX. *Suggestions to Young Cashiers on the Duties of their Profession.* X. *On the Duties and Misdoings of Bank Directors.* By A. B. JOHNSON. XI. *A Numismatic Dictionary; or, an Account of Coins of all Countries.* New York. 1857. 12mo. pp. 192.

THESE books, issued from the office of the "Bankers' Magazine," are all that they claim to be, and our best recommendation of them, therefore, is the transcription of their titles in full. Such manuals in

the hands of merchants, as well as of notaries and bankers, would supersede a vast amount of litigation. The first of these books has its value greatly enhanced by a copious alphabetical index of subjects, and another of the judicial cases cited; and the second has ample and minute indexes, one of them alphabetical.

18. — *The Elements of Drawing; in Three Letters to Beginners.*

By JOHN RUSKIN, M.A. With Illustrations drawn by the Author. New York: Wiley and Halsted. 1857. 12mo. pp. 234.

THE object of this work is to delineate a series of exercises, adapted to cultivate keenness and accuracy of sight and the sense of perspective. Mere manipulation is made secondary to the clear perception and conception of the object to be drawn. To the novice in art such a directory must be invaluable; while to the general reader it is interesting and instructive as a commentary on nature, revealing many features of landscape and its elements which are obvious only to the educated eye, yet which, once suggested, can never be lost from sight. It is pleasant to find that Ruskin at length admits one vulnerable point in Turner.

“Turner, though he was professor of perspective to the Royal Academy, did not know what he professed; and never, as far as I remember, drew a building in true perspective in his life; he drew them only with as much perspective as suited him.”—p. xvi.

19. — *A Manual of Ancient Geography.* By DR. LEONHARD SCHMITZ, F. R. S. E. With a Map, showing the Retreat of the 10,000 Greeks under Xenophon. Philadelphia: Blanchard and Lea. 1857. 12mo. pp. 428.

THE study of ancient geography is proverbially dry, nor has Dr. Schmitz wholly removed that reproach. But he has lightened it, by inserting, wherever there is room, entertaining and instructive scraps of history. He gives us also a “History of Ancient Geography,” from the mythical age down to 500 A. D., which forms one of the most attractive chapters of the history of opinions. The first book thus occupied, the remaining three treat of Europe, Asia, and Africa, respectively. The several portions of the ancient world are not, however, described with a dead level of dull minuteness; perspective is con-